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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
KAZUMA SATO et al. ) : Examiner: M. Gart  
Application No.: 09/781,162 ) : Group Art Unit: 3625  
Filed: February 13, 2001 ) :  
For: EXPENDABLE MANAGEMENT )  
METHOD AND SYSTEM : November 5, 2004

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2004 for one month from October 28, 2004 to November 28, 2004.

Submitted herewith is a check for \$110 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

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Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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